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1. HEREWITH SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG AT PLOVDIV FAIR:
"MR. MINISTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
"IF IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE UNITED STATES PAVILION AND, I MIGHT ADD, A PERSONAL HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE AMERICAN DAY CEREMONIES AT THE 29TH INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IN PLOVDIV.
"THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO BULGARIA AND ALTHOUGH IT IS FAR TOO SHORT TO SEE ALL THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY, I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TRAVEL AND MEET BULGARIANS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. AS A RESULT OF THIS VISIT I WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WITH A GREATER APPRECIATION OF BULGARIA AND OF YOUR JUST PRIDE IN ITS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
"OF COURSE A VISIT TO AN EXHIBIT SUCH AS THIS IS NOT AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, BUT I HOPE THAT AS YOU LOOK AT OUR PAVILION YOU WILL COME TO HAVE A BETTER UNDER-STANDING AND APPRECIATION OF PART OF WHAT MAKES AMERICA
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UNIQUE. THROUGH EXHIBITIONS SUCH AS THIS ONE WE HOPE THAT

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PEOPLE WILL COME TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND OUR COUNTRY BETTER.
"I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND DIFFERENT PEOPLES CAN ONLY
COME ABOUT THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.
EACH ONE OF US MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH
OTHER, TO BE WILLING TO LOOK AT THINGS IN NEW WAYS AND WITH
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES.
"THIS IS CERTAINLY WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW IN RELATIONS BETWEEN
EAST AND WEST. FOLLOWING THE HISTORIC VISITS BETWEEN
PRESIDENT NIXON AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV BOTH THE
UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE EXCHANGED IDEAS,
HAVE EXPANDED SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONTACTS, AND HAVE
DECIDED TO FIND NEW WAYS TO COOPERATE. WE WOULD
HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CAN ALSO GROW AND FLOURISH.
"ONE OF THE MOST VITAL AND IMPORTANT SPHERES OF COOPERATION
IS THAT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HERE IS AN AREA
IN WHICH COUNTRIES OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS
CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, WITHOUT DISAD-
VANTAGE FOR COUNTRY.
"CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BULGARIA --
PARTICULARLY IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA -- HAVE BEEN LIMITED
IN RECENT YEARS. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE RECENT VISIT
OF A BULGARIAN TRADE DELEGATION LED BY VICE-MINISTER
LUKANOV WILL BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A MORE NATURAL
TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE
HOPE THAT THIS VISIT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER VISITS BY
BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS
CANNOT HELP BUT FOSTER A GREATER FEELING OF UNDERSTANDING --
UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S NEEDS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.
"AS YOU WILL SEE FROM OUR EXHIBIT HERE AMERICA HAS
HIGHLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY. THIS HAS
BROUGHT OUR PEOPLE ENORMOUS BENEFIT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME
HAS CREATED NEW PROBLEMS FOR WHICH WE DON'T CLAIM TO HAVE
ALL THE ANSWERS. IN LOOKING AROUND THE MANY EXHIBITIONS
AT THIS FAIR, I WAS STRUCK BY THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE
AND KNOW-HOW THAT IS AVAILABLE FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST.
"EVEN DURING MY LIMITED VISIT IN BULGARIA I SAW MYSELF
SOME OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE
IN THIS COUNTRY, MUCH OF WHICH, I'M SURE, CAN BE OF BENEFIT
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TO THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL. NEITHER OF US CAN BE HARMED
THROUGH PEACEFUL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT ALL OF US CAN
BENEFIT.
"FOR OUR PART, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE THE WILL TO
EXPAND OUR RELATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES IN THE
PAST, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTIES IN
THE FUTURE AS WELL. BUT WE MUST MINIMIZE THOSE DIFFERENCES
AND CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE

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IN COMMON. OF ONE THING I AM CERTAIN. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE A COMMON CONCERN FOR PEACE AND FOR A BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR OUR CITIZENS. THROUGH A GREATER EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, OF TRADE, OF PEOPLE, WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST."

2. PLEASE CABLE CONCURRENCE WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS ASAP IN ORDER FOR REMARKS TO BE TRANSLATED AND PRINTED.
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